GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:167
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SETTING UP OF NEW POLYTECHNICS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of polytechnics proposed to be set up during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has approved a scheme to establish 65 new polytechnics in the country;

(c) if so, the State-wise number of polytechnics likely to be set up in the country;

(d) whether the Government has decided to upgrade infrastructural facilities in 177 polytechnics in the country; and

(e) i f so, the State-wise details of the polytechnics that are going to be upgraded in the country and the estimated expenditure thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.167 FOR ANSWER ON 11 MARCH, 2008 REGARDING SETTING UP OF NEW POLYTECHNICS ASKED BY SHRI L. RAJAGOPAL AND SHRI AJIT JOGI.

(a) to (e): Ministry of Human Resource Development does not directly establish or maintain polytechnics. However, in order to give a boost to the polytechnic education, a scheme for providing one time financial assistance to State Governments for upgradation of existing polytechnic in 177 districts and for setting up of New Polytechnics in 65 districts not having any polytechnic, had been under the consideration of the Government. In the XI Plan document, it has been stated that `New Polytechnics will be set up in every district not having one already. These polytechnics will be established primarily with Central funding and over 700 will be set up through PPP# and private funding...The existing government polytechnics will be incentivised to to modernize in PPP mode.` In the light of the XIth plan emphasis on polytechnics, it has been decided to prepare a new comprehensive scheme to cover a larger number of districts, which will also include the earlier proposal of assisting the establishment of polytechnics.

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